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Copy of Memorandum presented to the Hon'ble Minister for Local Administration by the Chairman, Municipal Council, Erode.

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2. Electricity undertaking:- The Council has been requesting for the management of the Electricity undertaking. The Government have in Memorandum No.28445.I.53.2.P.W.D., dated 16.6.1953 stated that therequest to take over the supply from the existing licensee cannot be complied with in view of section 7 of the Indian Electricity Act. I am aware that it was the policy of our State Government to take over electricity concerns and in pursuance of this policy a few private undertakings and all municipal undertakings were taken over. I believe that in view of the financial position and for other reasons there has been no further taking over. And the few municipalities that took the matter to Court are still managing the Electricity concern while the others that did not fight the Government are at a disadvantage. In Erode the Electric Licensee is a private one having jurisdiction in Salem and Erode and with the Head Orfice at Calcutta. I Understand that the licence period has already expired. I request that the Licence may not be renewed but this Council may be licensed to manage the undertaking within Erode Municipal limits and suburbs. And if there should be any legal difficulty in regard to this, I request necessary legislation may be undertaken.

3. Railway: Mysore could easily be connected to Erode by a railway passing through Chithode, Bhavani, Gobichettipalayam, Satyamangalam and Kollegal. This will open up the interior and I believe this line was thought of previously also. I request that the State Government may be pleased to examine this and recommend the inclusion of this in the next five year plan now under preparation.

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Extract of minutes of M.(L.A.) on the above Memorandum.

Secretary H.E.& L.A:

May kindly be examined and reply sent to the M.C.P. of Erode.

K. Rajaram/5/11
M.(L.A).

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Please see the notes of the H.E.&L.A. and Home Departments on the previous page. This Department is concerned with paras 2 and 3 or the Address on pp.1--3 ante. Necessary extract/

of the Address and an extract of the minutes of M.(L.A) on p.1 ante may be taken for separate action in this Department and the file returned to the H.E.&L.A. Department

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Superintendent

22/12/53

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Memo No. 87 P.W., dated 23-3-54

Sub: Railways - Construction of a railway line from Erode to Mysore via Chithode, Bhavani, Gobichettipalayam, Satyamangalam and Kollegal.

Ref: Memorandum presented to M (L.A.) by the Chairman, Municipal Council, Erode.

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With reference to para 3 of his memorandum cited, the Chairman, Municipal Council, Erode is informed that as Erode, Chithode, Bhavani, Gobichettipalayam and Satyamangalam are already connected by good motorable roads, the construction of a railway line to connect these places will only lead to duplicature of existing facilities, while railway link from Satyamangalam to Kollegal ~~will entail in engineering difficulties,~~ thus making the cost of construction prohibitive. Kollegal and Mysore State ~~also~~ are connected by a good motorable road. Further a proposal for the construction of railway line from Chamrajnagar to Coimbatore via Satyamangalam is separately under consideration and it has proposed to address the Govt. of India on the imperative need for this line. ~~Again~~ the major and important railway projects already

recommended to the Govt. of India have not taken any definite shape as yet. The Govt. therefore consider that no useful purpose will be served in pursuing the proposal for a line from Erode to Mysore via Chithode Bhavani, Gobichettipalayam, Satyamangalam and Kollegal.

To the Chairman,
Municipal Council,
Erode.

P.W. (F-2)

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Sub: Railways - Southern Railways - Construction of railway line from Erode to Mysore via Chithode, Bhavani, Gobichettipalayam, Satyamangalam and Kollegal.

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pp1-2 c.f.

Ref: Extract from a memorandum presented to M (L.A.) by Chairman, Municipal Council, Erode.

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Please see the reference cited and the extract of minutes of M (LA) on pp.1-2 c.f.

2. It is submitted in this connection that Erode, Chithode, Bhavani, Gobichettipalayam and Satyamangalam are already connected by good motorable roads. The area from Satyamangalama to Kollegal, being hilly tract, is not having motorable roads, while from Kollegal to Mysore State there is a good motorable road. The railway connection from Erode to Satyamangalam will only duplicate the existing facilities of transport. The railway linking Satyamangalam to Kollegal will entail engineering difficulties and the cost of laying a railway line along hill tracts will become prohibitive. Again a proposal for the construction of a railway line from Chamrajnagar to Coimbatore via Satyamangalam is already under examintion and it has been proposed to press for this proposal. Further the major and more important railway projects already recommended to the Govt. of India have not taken any definite shape as yet. It is therefore doubtful whether the Govt. of India would consider at all, the proposal for another line from Erode to Mysore via Chithode, Bhavani, Gobichettipalayam, Satyamangalam and Kollegal. In the circumstances, it appears that no useful purpose will be served in pursuing the proposal and examining the need for it in consultation with the Board of Revenue. The Chairman, Municipal Council, Erode

may therefore apprised of the position and informed that the Govt. do not ~~therefore~~ consider that any useful purpose will be served at all in pursuing the proposal. A draft memo is accordingly submitted for approval.